

AGENDA



Thursday, April 12, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 10**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with HEIL OF TEXAS, Houston, TX, for the purchase of 17 automated refuse collection bodies in an amount not to exceed \$1,950,171.32; and LONGHORN INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, LTD, Austin, TX, for the purchase of 17 truck cab and chassis in an amount not to exceed \$1,828,359.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$3,778,530.32 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

These two contracts are for the purchase of 4 new and 13 replacement automated refuse collection bodies, and 4 new and 13 replacement cab & chassis. The refuse collection bodies provided by Heil will be mounted on and powered by the truck chassis provided by Longhorn International. The equipment will be assigned to the Solid Waste Services Department (SWS).

Included in this purchase are the following pieces of equipment:

17 Heil Python Automated Refuse Collection Bodies - 4 New, 13 Replacement

17 Crane Carrier Cab & Chassis for Automated Refuse Collection Bodies - 4 New, 13 Replacement

These automated refuse collection trucks are equipped with a hydraulically operated arm which reaches out and grasps refuse containers set out at the curb by homeowners, dumps the contents into a hopper, and sets the container back down. This process is accomplished by only one operator who remains in the truck at all times. SWS has determined that automated refuse collection is safer, faster, and more cost-effective than conventional methods.

The contracts include the purchase of 34 pieces of equipment for a total dollar amount of \$3,778,530.32.

All of the cab and chassis are powered by diesel fuel. The City purchases the cleanest diesel fuel available in the Austin area.

The equipment in this RCA has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, effected Department Director and Assistant City Manager (ACM). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office. Departments review the list of vehicles determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses are determined within the departments, and the departments' proposed equipment is reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

Of the 13 replacement trucks, all have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each piece of equipment to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each piece proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The four new trucks were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval. The additional four trucks are needed to provide refuse collection services to approximately 11,000 households in the annexed areas of Tanglewood Forest and Circle C.

Both vendors are under contract with BuyBoard to supply various types of trucks or equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing BuyBoard contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's equipment on order.